crooked or straight, all come and mingle their waters
in the ocean, so the different religions, with their different
points of view, at ast, all converge towards and terminate
in the Suoreme Be'ng. Besides, wherever we see extra-
ordinary holiness and extraordinary power raising and
purifying humanity, we should know that the Supreme Being
is there i. respective of the name with which that faith is
labelled. The function of every religion, therefore, is to
assim'late the good in the others into its own fabric and yet
preserve its own individuality and develop according to its
own law of growth. All sects may retain their distinctive
pecul'arities and yet be united in fraternal alliance and form
one harmonious unity, even as in a musical choir there are
many voices and many instruments, each with its own indi-
viduality, its own specific character, its own peculiar tone ;
yet out of their union comes forth sweet and delicious music.
Thus finally, all religions become one, unified in God, as
Rafah Rammohan Roy declared. The story goes that as
Wes'ey was taken to the gate of Heaven, he made the enquiry,
<k Any Wesleyans here ? " " None" was the answer.
t1 Any Protestants ? " " No, none." *ts* Then,,

any Christians
at all?" "None." "Then, who dwell here?" "All
believers only." Unto Rajah Ram Mohan Roy
belongs the
glory of the archtype of modern universalists
who hold that
the citizenship of Heaven is chartered to not
sectaries but
only to ' Believers,' and that *God's Religion is*
lofty as is
His love and ample as the wants of man. As
nvers spring
out of the same mountain-caves but are
impelled in various
directions that all the adjoining country
might be watered
and enriched, each flowing irf its ordained
course but all
combining to make the atmosphere cool and
the soil fertile,
and all marching ahead to the same main,
even so all religions
are ordained by the same God, come out of
the lofty heights
of Divine inspiration, flow in diverse
directions to benefit
diverse people and become confluent in living
hearts towards